

RIDER DOWN REPORT

USN Rider fatalities for FY 21:...6 (28 FEB 2021)

USMC Rider Fatalities for FY 21:....4 (28 FEB2021)

USN/USMC Fatalities this report: 1/1

Total Motorcycle mishaps this report: 24

This report is a monthly update of the motorcycle mishaps that have occurred throughout the US Navy and Marine Corps. The data listed in the header reflects what was reported for the time period this report covers.

Recommendation: MSRs use this information during motorcycle training and Mentorship programs and forward to other personnel who may have an interest (with the exception contained in the notice below).

Note: Risk Management Information (RMI) is now active. Commands can no longer submit mishap reports in WESS. Go to <https://afsas.safety.af.mil> to sign up for an account.

The information contained in this report is based on preliminary information and is provided for hazard awareness and training purposes only. Official mishap data should be obtained from the Naval Safety Center.

Last month's article was spot-on in saying that warmer weather attracts motorcycle riders. Unfortunately, warm weather also increases mishaps. Last month's report had ten motorcycle mishaps, and this month, we have 24. That's a 140% increase in one month!

There were two fatal motorcycle crashes this month; two more service members lost their lives. Keep your head on a swivel, and do not place yourself into what I call a danger zone. Most of us know the danger zone around an 18-wheeler. Still, any time you share proximity to another vehicle, run the "what if's" scenario through your head and have a plan.

I cannot emphasize enough, supervisors check the motorcycle riders' training status in ESAMS; this includes all commands ECH II and down. I have noticed when verifying information across databases from submitted reports to the NAVSAFECEN that some of the data is either missing or inconsistent. Discrepancies we have seen more frequently are commands having a person identified as a rider, assigned as the command motorcycle coordinator, yet be in a motorcycle mishap and not have any documented motorcycle training. Please ensure when submitting injury reports, you have verified the information.

We see riders that are non-compliant with both DoD Instruction and OPNAV Instruction. With strict enforcement of the current policy, leadership involvement from the top-down can mitigate this senseless loss of life.

The loss of 12 military members due to motorcycle crashes so far this FY should not be tolerated.

r/Michael Borkowski

The Naval Safety Center received the following reports for March 2021

Fatal Mishaps:

21 Mar 2021/0000L - 23-year-old, E-4 Location: Hubert, NC

Yr./Make/Model: NR (Sport)

PPE: YES

License: YES

Training: Level I (Apr 2019) / Level II (Sept 2019)

Remarks: The rider involved in a motorcycle crash, was ejected, and sustained head injuries. Rider transported to the hospital and died from injuries received.

12 Mar 2021/0400L - 35-year-old, E-6 Location: Chula Vista, CA

Yr./Make/Model: NR (Sport)

PPE: YES

License: YES

Training: Level I (Aug 2011) / Level II (Aug 2017)

Remarks: The rider was SB on Broadway and ran into the back of a parked vehicle. Rider transported to hospital and died from injuries received.

Non-Fatal Mishaps:

29 Mar 2021/0100L - 26-year-old, E-4 Location: Jacksonville, FL

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Yamaha R6 (Sport)

PPE: YES

License: YES

Training: Level I (None) / Level II (None)

Remarks: The rider was involved in a crash and transported to the hospital with serious injuries. Injuries to the rider include fractures to the shoulder blade, arm, and ribs.

28 Mar 2021/1845L - 21-year-old, E-3 Location: St. Augustine, FL

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Honda CBR1000 (Sport)

PPE: YES

License: YES

Training: Level I (Mar 2021) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider was involved in a crash, transported to the hospital, and treated for several broken ribs.

27 Mar 2021/1400L - 00-year-old, XX Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: NR

PPE: NR

License: NR

Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: The rider was involved in a crash and suffered a broken ankle-no further information.

27 Mar 2021/1115L - 39-year-old, E-6 Location: Burbank, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 2015 Harley Davidson Dyna (Non-Sport)
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (Apr 2017)

Remarks: The rider was SB on HWY 101 and involved in a crash. The rider was transported to the hospital and treated for a broken right elbow and left wrist.

23 Mar 2021/1200L - 28-year-old, E-6 Location: Groton, CT
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Harley Davidson Street Bob (Non-Sport)
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (Oct 2019)

Remarks: The rider struck a vehicle that pulled out in front of the rider from a gas station, ejecting the rider. The driver of the other vehicle fled the scene. Rider transported to the local hospital, treated for a broken collarbone and cut chin.

22 Mar 2021/1800L - 33-year-old, E-5 Location: San Diego, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 (Sport)
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: The rider made a right turn when another vehicle pulled out in front of the rider. Rider attempted to avoid the vehicle but struck the left rear. No injuries.

19 Mar 2021/2130L - 00-year-old, E-5 Location: Rota, Spain
Yr./Make/Model: MOPED
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (Dec 2020) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: The rider was negotiating a round-a-bout (traffic circle) and while using an extended leg as a brake. The rider received an ankle sprain injury.

18 Mar 2021/0700L - 32-year-old, E-6 Location: San Diego, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Suzuki Boulevard M50 (Non-Sport)
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (Dec 2020) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: The rider was stationary when a vehicle clipped the rider from behind, knocking the rider to the ground. The vehicle then fled the scene. The rider suffered minor injuries.

14 Mar 2021/1800L - 21-year-old, E-4 Location: Twenty-nine Palms, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Dirt Bike (Non-Sport)
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: The rider was riding a dirt bike along a wash in the desert and attempted to avoid an exposed tree stump but crashed the motorcycle. The rider was treated for a shoulder fracture.

14 Mar 2021/0350L - 31-year-old, E-4 Location: Savannah, GA
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Kawasaki 900 (Sport)
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: The rider was involved in a crash and found by local law enforcement lying face down in the road with the motorcycle near the rider. The rider was transported to the local hospital for serious injuries and admitted to ICU for a hemorrhagic contusion, fractured right wrist and right elbow.

13 Mar 2021/0850L - 40-year-old, O-3 Location: Fairfax, VA
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Yamaha (Non-Sport)
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: The rider was involved in a crash with a MV that failed to yield. The rider transported to the hospital and treated for a concussion and minor injuries.

13 Mar 2021/1800L - 30-year-old, E-5 Location: Malibu, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Kawasaki Ninja (Sport)
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (Jan 2012) / Level II (Aug 2019)

Remarks: Rider traveled NB on the PCH when the rider encountered loose sand on the road and lost control of the motorcycle and crashed. The rider was transported to the hospital and treated for a fractured ankle and road rash.

12 Mar 2021/2000L - 19-year-old, E-4 Location: Yuma, AZ
Yr./Make/Model: 0000
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (Mar 2021) / Level II (None)

Remarks: The rider was SB on 4th Ave. when a MV made a left turn from the right lane striking the rider. The rider was transported to the local hospital and treated for a concussion and a broken wrist.

11 Mar 2021/0715L - 38-year-old, O-4 Location: Burton, SC

Yr./Make/Model: 0000

PPE: YES

License: YES

Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: The rider was NB on Parris Island Gateway when a vehicle failed to stop at a posted stop sign and struck the rider. The rider was transported to the local hospital and treated for a concussion and broken wrist.

11 Mar 2021/0645L – 00- year-old, E-4 Location: San Diego, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 (Sport)

PPE: YES

License: YES

Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: The rider lost traction, crashed receiving an injury to the arm, and sprained the ankle.

10 Mar 2021/1830L - 30-year-old, E-5 Location: Lexington Park, MD

Yr./Make/Model: NR (Non-Sport)

PPE: YES

License: YES

Training: Level I (Sept 2018) / Level II (Jun 2019)

Remarks: The rider struck a vehicle that made an illegal U-turn. The rider struck the driver's front quarter panel and crashed the motorcycle- no injury.

05 Mar 2021/1530L - 00-year-old, E-4 Location: Gulfport, MS

Yr./Make/Model: NR

PPE: YES

License: YES

Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider was SB on HWY 49 when a vehicle pulled out in front of the rider. The rider locked up brakes, the rear wheel came off the ground and the motorcycle struck the vehicle's window and broke it. Rider went to the local hospital-no injuries.

05 Mar 2021/1700L - 27-year-old, E-5 Location: NAS North Island, CA

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Harley Davidson (Non-Sport)

PPE: YES

License: YES

Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider struck a vehicle that went through the intersection and failed to comply with a posted traffic sign. The rider was transported to the hospital and checked for back pain.

02 Mar 2021/1545L - 29-year-old, E-6 Location: San Diego, CA
Yr./Make/Model: NR (Sport)
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (Sept 2015) / Level II (Oct 2018)

Remarks: The rider was traveling SB on the I-5 when a vehicle in front of the rider stopped suddenly. The rider locked the front brakes, laid the motorcycle down, and received superficial injuries.

02 Mar 2021/1440L - 37-year-old, E-5 Location: Lemoore, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Harley Davidson Street Glide (Non-Sport)
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (Mar 2013) / Level II (Feb 2016)

Remarks: The rider was leaving the base gate in the right lane when another vehicle from the left lane merged over into the riders' lane. The rider received multiple injuries.

01 Mar 2021/2040L - 27-year-old, E-6 Location: Modesto, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Harley Davidson Street Glide (Non-Sport)
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (Mar 2013) / Level II (Feb 2016)

Remarks: The rider was involved in a crash, determined to be under the influence of alcohol by local law enforcement, and charged with DUI- no injuries reported.

01 Mar 2021/0815L - 35-year-old, E-6 Location: San Diego, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Suzuki GSXR (Sport)
PPE: YES
License: YES
Training: Level I (Mar 2009) / Level II (Mar 2016)

Remarks: The rider was traveling on PCH and was struck by another vehicle causing the rider to lose control and lay the motorcycle down. The rider was transported to the local hospital, treated for injuries, and released.